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MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Removal of Article 342 [redacted] 25X1A

1. Dr. Scoville advised me at 1445 hours 31 October, in response to a direct question, that no further bar existed to our removing Article 342 from [redacted] and moving it to Burbank for installation by Lockheed of the necessary [redacted]. He said that Dr. Charyk had called General Taylor during their meeting 31 October and that Taylor had agreed to its removal.

2. Dr. Scoville suggested, therefore, that we get in touch with [redacted] to advise him of this and to ask that he send a message, presumably to SAC and/or [redacted] at [redacted] advising them of this decision. In particular, [redacted] should be advised of General Taylor's concurrence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Trip to McCoy AFB, [redacted]

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1. On 22 October, I visited McCoy AFB, Orlando, Florida to examine field procedures on photo equipment and to determine field usefulness of the pocket tape recorder.

2. On the evening of 22 October, I contacted [redacted] Communications, and demonstrated the pocket recorder.

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3. The recorder was installed in aircraft 352 in such a manner that the pilot could actuate a manual momentary "on" switch when he wanted to record. All incoming and outgoing communications were recorded as long as the switch was closed. It was thought that this was necessary since the recorder only has a one hour capability while the mission was slightly

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4. As it turned out, the pilot was so busy with the primary mission that he did not have time to give the recorder a thorough work out; however, the results were satisfactory from the standpoint of fidelity, size, weight, and general utility.

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5. [redacted] had the following suggestions to make after carefully examining the recorder:

a. The microphone jacks should be either both male or both female to promote interchangeability.

b. Storage space in the attache case for accessory cords, microphones, etc., could be improved.

c. For application to the "I" mission, an adapter that would accommodate the recorder microphone wire to the pressure suit should be made.

d. The recorder is well designed and constructed and should be a useful tool for debriefing.

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6. On the four missions that were completed on 23 October, the time from touchdown of the aircraft to driveway of the film was a minute or two over or under one hour.

7. It was my impression that every one knew his job and did it efficiently. The only serious shortage involved lack of transportation. The around the clock hours that were being put in combined with the fact that SAC had commandeered all the base taxi service made it awkward to get from the line to the quarters.

8. Respooling work found necessary to convert 6000 foot rolls of film to 1500 foot missions were done with one of the "B" cameras, which involved possible scratching and static marks.

9. Preliminary examination of the results of the two speed shutter tests on SO-130 and 8402 film indicate that SO-130 produces a detectable improvement in resolution. This is horseback opinion of several PI's given before definitive examination and enlargement. They also liked the higher speed (old) shutter.

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